

Budget at a glance



The Mission of the City of Torrance is to encourage and respond to community participation as we provide for an attractive, clean, safe, secure and enriching environment that assures a high quality of life.

We evaluate and act on the needs of the community within a complex, changing environment.

We provide quality service with integrity, professionalism and accountability in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

City of Torrance

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Snapshot of Torrance

Population: 146,115¹

Peak Daytime Population (2 p.m.): 203,011

Area: 21 square miles

Full Time Employees: 1,313

Fire Stations: 6

Police Station: 1

Police Community Centers: 1

Sworn Police Employees: 224.5

Sworn Fire Employees: 145

Public Libraries: 6

City Trees: 47,000

Miles of Sidewalks: 550

Parks & Recreation Amenities: 47

1 California Department of Finance, May 2012.

Key Highlights of the 2012-13 Budget

- Elimination of Redevelopment Agency by the State Legislature eliminated tools to stimulate growth in "Old Torrance" and eastside industrial portions of the city and limited the ability to fund affordable housing projects.
- Recovery of Sales Tax and Occupancy Tax revenue Sales Tax has grown 5% and Occupancy Taxes have increased 10% over last year.

State Budget and Impact to City

- ❖ Budget Shortfall of \$16 billion
- Vehicle License Fee of \$530,000 taken back by the State (City covered with one-time replacement fund, pending litigation of State action by League of Cities). The State diverted \$130 million of local VLF funds to fund certain State public safety grant programs previously funded by the now-expired special 0.15% VLF.
- Adoption of AB109 by the State Legislature, known as Criminal Justice Realignment, which shifted responsibility of incarcerating "low-risk" inmates from the State to the County and released inmates to communities without supervision greatly impacting City policing responsibilities.

Budget Balancing

Organizational savings of \$115,000 – restructuring of Human Resources, deleting 1.0 Human Resources Director, and transferring Risk Management from Human Resources to the Finance Department.

- Energy Savings from capital projects savings goal \$395,000
 - O Annual savings to date \$111,000
 - O Pending projects:
 - Lighting Upgrades (\$130,000 expected savings) expected completion July, 2012
 - Water Conservation/Irrigation Controls Upgrade (\$130,000 expected savings) estimated completion October, 2012.
 - Renewable Energy/Pool solar Water Heating (\$13,000 expected savings) estimated completion October, 2012)
 - HVAC Replacements (\$13,000 expected savings) estimated completion in Fall of 2012.

Implementation of Operational Efficiencies and Changes in Business Practices

- Cellular telephone restructure of contract \$70,000 savings
- Personnel allocation in Library Division adding 5.0 full-time positions and reducing 12.5 part-time positions – \$115,000 savings.
- Park Services shift schedule change (weekend work scheduling to reduce overtime) – \$50,000 savings.
- Community outreach program funding shift to Cable Fund

 \$155,000 savings to General Fund.
- CM Fund Cable operations equipment from Cable capital fund (PEG Fund) to free up funding for the Police Department's community outreach programs – \$60,000.

Continued Use of Bridge Funding

- ❖ Post employee benefits deferment \$1.0 million.
- Maintain increased shift of Gas Tax revenue from capital project to maintenance – \$200,000.
- Maintain shift of annual interest earnings from the Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRAN) program from capital projects to operations (earnings are partially derived from the prepayment of pension expense) – \$500,000.

Public Employee Retirement System (PERS)

- Effective 2011, new employees fund the cost of Employee Paid Member Contributions (EMPC) – 9% for Police and Fire and 7% for Miscellaneous employees – savings grow annually as new employees are hired.
- PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) actuarial assumption for investments decreased by 1/4% from 7.75% to 7.50% – increasing the City contribution to PERS.

Torrance Bond Rating

♦ The City of Torrance enjoys a Standard & Poor's municipal short-term note rating of SP-1+ reflective of the City's very strong capacity to pay debt service on the series 2012 tax revenue anticipation notes (TRANs).

2012-13 OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY

General Fund Revenues:	2011-12	%	2012-13	%
Sales Tax (includes triple flip)	35,970,000	22%	41,176,000	24%
Utility Users Tax	35,600,000	21%	34,807,000	21%
Property Taxes	41,690,000	25%	42,085,000	25%
Business License Tax	8,220,000	5%	8,612,000	5%
Occupancy Tax	7,660,000	5%	8,273,000	5%
Other Taxes	7,610,000	5%	7,652,000	4%
Grants and Subventions	2,020,000	1%	1,410,000	1%
Use of Money and Property	3,360,000	2%	2,825,000	2%
Charges for Services	5,130,000	3%	5,221,000	3%
Transfers *	10,392,000	6%	8,363,000	5%
Other Revenues **	7,740,000	5%	8,123,000	5%
Total General Fund Revenues	\$165,392,000	100%	\$168,547,000	100%
General Fund Expenditures:				
Public Safety ***	100,053,000	60%	102,266,000	61%
Public Works	11,743,000	7%	11,702,000	7%
Community Development	7,147,000	4%	7,163,000	4%
Community Services	14,047,000	9%	13,977,000	8%
General Government	23,071,000	14%	22,547,000	14%
Transfers/Non-Departmental ****	9,331,000	6%	10,892,000	6%
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$165,392,000	100%	\$168,547,000	100%

Includes transfers primarily from Airport Fund.

Includes liquidation of fund balance.

Includes operational transfers to Parks and Recreation, Cultural Arts Center, and Self Insurance Funds.

Internal Service Funds:	2011-12 Revenues	2011-12 Expenditures	2012-13 Revenues	2012-13 Expenditures
Fleet Services	\$ 5,890,000 **	\$ 5,890,000	\$ 6,380,000	\$ 5,858,000
Self Insurance	3,996,000 **	3,996,000	4,690,000 **	
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Total Internal Service Fund	9,886,000	9,886,000	11,070,000	10,548,000
Enterprise Funds:				
Airport	11,657,000 **	11,657,000	11,887,000 **	11,886,000
Transit *	25,498,000	25,052,000	28,913,000	27,706,000
Water	32,976,000	31,536,000	35,187,000	33,503,000
Emergency Medical Services Fund	10,685,000	10,685,000	11,039,000	11,039,000
Sanitation	12,226,000 **	12,226,000	11,065,000	10,951,000
Sewer	2,465,000 **	2,465,000	4,062,000 **	4,062,000
Parks & Recreation (fee activities)	8,502,000 **	8,502,000	8,500,000 **	8,500,000
Cultural Arts Center	2,162,000 **	2,162,000	2,165,000 **	2,165,000
Total Enterprise Funds	106,171,000	104,285,000	112,818,000	109,812,000
Other External Funds:	35,994,000	33,942,000	25,525,000	25,206,000
Less Internal Services/Transfers ***	(43,239,000)	(43,239,000)	(43,112,000)	(42,590,000)
TOTAL CITY BUDGET	274,204,000	270,266,000	274,848,000	271,523,000

Includes depreciation of \$2,376,000 in revenue estimate for 2011-12 and \$3,331,00 in 2012-13.

Includes liquidation/use of fund balance.

Includes operational support funding for the Emergency Medical Services (Paramedic) Fund and Animal Control Fund.

To offset transfers between funds such as the General Fund subsidy to Parks and Recreation Fund.

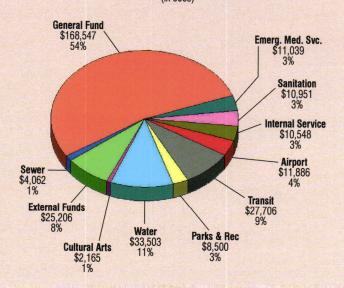
Adopted Budget Revisions

- Police Add 2.0 Police Officer positions (1.0 effective 7-1-12, 1.0 effective 1-1-13) to contact and monitor parolees and probationers related to AB 109 Public Safety Realignment and defer discussion for the addition of 2.0 Police Officers to the 2013-15 budget process.
- Public Works Add 2.0 Assistant Engineer positions and 1.0 Public Works Inspector (Measure R funded) to expand infrastructure projects.
- Transit Add 6.0 FTE Relief Bus Operator positions, 3.0 Equipment Attendants, 1.0 Mechanic, and fuel, lubricants, equipment budget to support service expansion – to implement the Torrance Rapid Bus program and ExpressLane demonstration project.
- Public Works Use of \$240,000 of Proposition C to fund street maintenance.
- Community Services/General Services Use of \$25,000 (one-time) to fund marketing contract for the Cultural Arts Center.

Future Considerations (2013-15 budget process)

- Staffing for maintenance of potential acquired sport fields (court land) (\$90,000).
- Strategic Plan Three-Year Update Cycle (\$135,000).
- Resources for outreach to a second Sister City (\$42,200)
- 2014 Rose Float

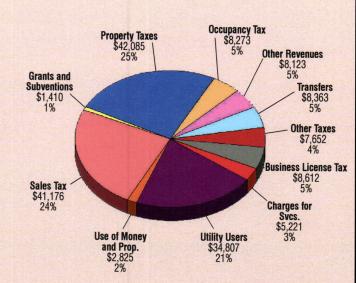
2012-13 Expenditure Budget Summary for All Funds**



^{**} Based on an adopted 2012-13 gross budget of \$314,113,000.

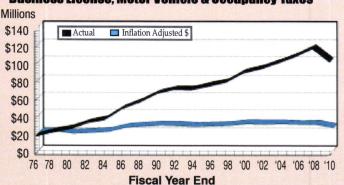


2012-13 General Fund Revenue Summary

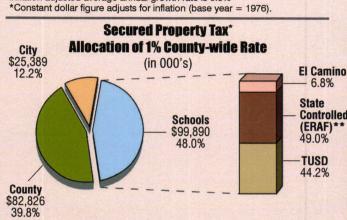




Sales, Utility Users', Secured Property Business License, Motor Vehicle & Occupancy Taxes



Actual average annual growth rate is 5.0% Inflation adjusted average annual growth rate is 0.8%



- Secured Property Tax levied on real properties in the City which are secured by liens on the properties.
- The State transfers 49% of property tax collected for schools to a general account for all schools. This is referred to as the Education general account for all schools. This is Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF).

Allocation based on 2010-2011 actual secured property tax of \$25,388,805.

Distribution of Property Tax*

Schools TUSD, El Camino, Other 48.0% (\$1,637)

Assessed Value = \$341,100 County 1% rate \$3,410

City of Torrance 12.2% (\$416)



County 39.8% (\$1,357)

